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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 159734 ACTION GENEVA 23 JULY.

QUOTE

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SUBJ: ATS-6 SATELLITE FREQUENCIES AND US/PAKISTAN SATELLITE
DISCUSSIONS

REF: GENEVA 4586

1. DURING SECOND YEAR OF OPERATIONS, ATS-6 WILL BE
POSITIONED AT 35 DEGREES EAST AND UTILIZED BY INDIA FOR
ONE-YEAR COMMUNITY BROADCAST EXPERIMENT BEGINNING MID-1975.

2. NASA/INDIA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR PROJECT
SIGNED SEPTEMBER 19, 1969, PROVIDES QUOTE: THE APPROPRIATE
AUTHORITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SHALL BE SOLELY
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COORDINATION OF RADIO FREQUENCIES,
EARTH TO SATELLITE AND SATELLITE TO EARTH, INSOFAR AS THIS
EXPERIMENT, INDIA AND THE SURROUNDING REGION ARE
CONCERNED, IN THE FRAMEWORK OF FREQUENCY COORDINATION
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ESTABLISHED IN THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION.

END QUOTE.

3. FREQUENCIES TO BE UTILIZED DURING EXPERIMENT ARE:

860 MHZ SPACECRAFT TO EARTH

6150 MHZ PRIME EARTH TO SPACECRAFT

6350 MHZ FIRST EARTH TO SPACECRAFT BACKUP

5950 SECOND EARTH TO SPACECRAFT BACKUP.

4. GOI UPLINK TRANSMISSIONS WILL ORIGINATE FROM

AHMEDABAD (PRIME) OR DELHI (BACKUP).

5. NASA UNDERSTANDS THAT FREQUENCY SELECTIONS WERE

SUBMITTED TO IFRB BY GOI SOME TIME AGO AS REQUIRED.

ALTHOUGH NASA NOT FAMILIAR WITH DETAILS PAKISTAN GROUND

MICROWAVE SYSTEMS, NASA BUT BELIEVES INDIAN UPLINK

TRANSMISSIONS NOT LIKELY TO PRODUCE INTERFERENCE.

6. REF PARA 1B, REFTTEL, SUGGEST DIALOGUE BE OPENED THROUGH

(1) PAKISTAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WITH NASA AND/OR OTHER

RESPONSIBLE USG AGENCIES AS APPROPRIATE, OR (2) BY LETTER

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